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PORT OF SPAIN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT GUATEMALA 5034 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5034

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTERVEIW

REF: SAN JOSE 3653

1. DURING A CALL ON FORIEGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES
TODAY ON OTHER BUSINESS, HE FIRST RAISED WITH ME THE QUESTION
OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'SSTATEMENT ABOUT BELIZE IN SAN JOSE.
HE TOLD ME THEY WERE UPSET BY THIS STATEMENT WHICH
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WAS VERY DAMAGING AND WEAKENED GUATEMALA'S POSITION.
HE SAID IT HELPED THE BRITISH, WHO DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP. HE
SAID THAT THEY HAD REGARDED THE UNITED STATES AS THE ONLY
COUNTRY THEY COULD TRUST ON BELIZE, HAD LOOKED TO US AS AN
HONEST BROKER.

2. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT I HAD ACTUALLY COME TO SEE HIM TO TALK

ABOUT RATIFICATION OF SAN JOSE PACT, BUT THAT WE HAD BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON ON THE BELIZE POINT AND I COULD
GIVE HIM THE STATEMENT WHICH WE WERE PROVIDING THE PRESS
IN ANSWER TO QUERIES ABOUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT.
AFTER READING THIS STATEMENT, MOLINA SAID IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL AND ASKED IF HE COULD USE IT HERE WITH THE NEWSMEN
WHO HAD BEEN SEEKING SOME RESPONSE FROM HIM THIS MORNING.
I SAID THAT HE COULD. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THIS STATE-
MENT WOULD HELP WITH PUBLIC OPINION IN GUATEMALA BUT HE
WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
STATEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE A FALSE IMPRESSION OF
THE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE LEFT. I POINTED OUT THAT THIS
ANSWER BY OUR PRESS PEOPLE WOULD BE GIVEN OUT IN WASHINGTON
SO THAT IT SHOULD REACH THE OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. I
SAID I WAS SORRY ABOUT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BUT I THOUGHT OUR
POSITION WAS CLEAR FROM THE PRESS ANSWER.
BOSTER.
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER.

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